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Remarks:

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. In the subject Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-12 are allowable, but the Examiner rejected claims 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Mottier et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,630,384), the Examiner rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious in view of Mottier et al., and the Examiner rejected claims 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious based on Mottier et al. in view of either Kurosu (U.S. Pat. No. 5,172,675) or Endou (U.S. Pat. No. 5,937,829). Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-12, and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claims 13-20 for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant has amended independent claim 13 to recite that the energy storage device is adapted to store energy from said capacitive discharge device, which is neither disclosed nor suggested by Mottier et al. or any other art of record, alone or in combination. Therefore, independent claim 13 and its dependent claims 14-18 are allowable over the art of record.

Applicant has amended independent claim 19 to clarify that initiating combustion within the engine is performed using a primary capacitive discharge device, and re-initiating combustion within the engine is performed by delivering stored energy from the energy storage device through a supplemental capacitive discharge device, which is neither disclosed nor suggested by Mottier et al., Kurosu, Endou, or any other art of record, alone or in combination. Therefore, independent claim 19 and its dependent claim 20 are allowable over the art of record.

The foregoing amendments involve no new matter.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance, and such is earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone

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conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

A Petition for Extension of Time to and including September 27, 2005, is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees for this submission or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3483.

Respectfully submitted,

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